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For:

METHOD AND FEED DEVICE FOR EFFECTING THE ADVANCE MOVEMENT OF AT LEAST ONE TOOL SUPPORT THAT ROTATES AROUND A ROTATIONALLY SYMMETRICAL PART

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the original claims with the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for carrying out an advancing movement of at least one tool support rotatable about a rotationally symmetric component, the at least one tool being capable of being actuated via a leadscrew, and is supported on the component and rotatably drivable by way of a stationarily mounted main motor via a main transmission mechanism connected to a support of the at least one tool support, an advancing movement of the leadscrew being brought about by a relative movement of a further motor-driven transmission